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Supervisor Logsdon being sworn in for her second term.



## Wishing You a Happy and Safe Holiday!



Dear Neighbors:

Winter 2020

I am truly grateful to serve my second term as your Milwaukee County Board Supervisor to represent the 9th District. This year has been difficult for everyone, and I am honored that in the middle of all the uncertainty, you trust me to steadfastly represent you and your concerns to the Milwaukee County Board and Executive.

With the completion of the budget, I want to thank our Federal and State Representatives who worked so hard to ensure that our State, your Milwaukee County, and other local municipalities get the financial help we needed. Under the Federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), Milwaukee County was able to secure Federal funding to help cover the costs associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, such as upgrades to our county jail and lost revenue to MCTS. This has helped turn an insurmountable bad year into one that's better, though still difficult.

Federal CARES Act funding is not enough to cover the deficit, so the County has pursued other fiscally responsible ways to reduce costs. Unfortunately, this has been at the cost of some services. Some departments have staff working reduced hours and others like the Parks Department have only hired 200 out of the approximately 900 seasonal employees which form the backbone of summer maintenance. We at the Board are trying new and innovative ways to help fund the Parks. Reference page 3 for more details.

I want to extend my thanks to the Parks Department for doing their best to keep up with maintenance despite staff and budget reductions. I also want to extend a special thanks to all the local citizens who have stepped up, volunteered their time, and helped keep our parks beautiful. Whether you acted on your own or through a Friends of the Parks group, our parks are beautiful because of you.

It has been said that hard times force people to evaluate our priorities. This is true not only for individuals, but also of nations. In 2021, it's clear we can only afford to fund our needs, not wants, so determining our priorities has new urgency. While running for office, I heard that you valued the time-honored American principle that free speech is possible only if people feel safe from harm, whether to themselves or to their property. I heard that you wanted funding for infrastructure and our Parks. I fought for those things and am glad to announce that attempts to defund the Office of the Sheriff failed.

I would love to hear from you directly. Please reach out to me if you have any questions or comments.

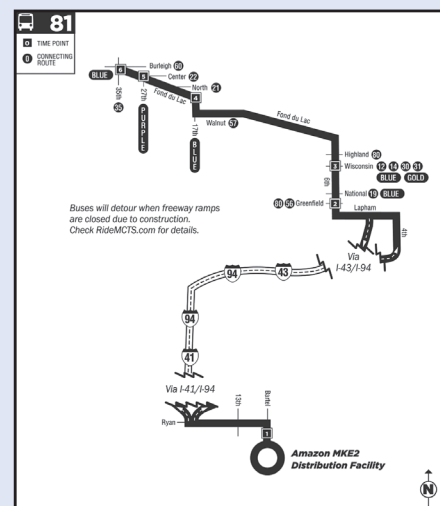
Happy Holidays,

*Patti Logsdon*

**Patti Logsdon**  
Milwaukee County Supervisor, District 9

## New District 9 Bus Route!

See back page for more details.



# 2021 Milwaukee County Budget

## Budget at a Glance

Budgeting this year was challenging because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Among my highest priorities are your safety and not raising property taxes. The budget for 2021 passed 14-4. While I ultimately voted against the budget to ensure that property taxes stayed low, I worked to ensure the budget that passed included funding the Sheriff's budget appropriately. Numerous amendments were proposed to cut the Sheriff's budget significantly. I and the vast majority of my fellow Supervisors voted against these amendments.

### Other Budget Highlights:

- I am happy to report the Vehicle Registration Fee will not be increasing.
- Property taxes for the average homeowner won't increase unless your local municipality increases your home's assessed value.
- The County's Health and Human Services Department will operate under a 'No Wrong Door' policy. The new policy will simplify your interaction with DHHS so that you can get all the information you need about DHHS programs and services from your first contact.
- The Aging Department will now be under the umbrella of HHS. In addition to protecting the department from significant budget cuts, three new positions were added to help support our community.
- No bus routes will be cut. In fact, a new bus route in our district was added to ensure County residents can reach the good paying jobs at the new Amazon facility in Oak Creek.

If you have any questions about this year's budget, please contact me! I am here to serve you.

## Budget Timeline

- **APRIL-SEPTEMBER 2020**  
Departments began planning for the following year's budget, presenting plans which are used as suggestions by the County Executive to develop his Recommended Budget.
- **OCTOBER 1, 2020**  
On October 1st, the County Executive presented his Recommended Budget to the County Board.
- **OCTOBER 5-9, 2020**  
The County Comptroller reviewed the Recommended Budget and published their annual "Overview."
- **OCTOBER 12-16, 2020**  
Departments briefed the Finance - Budget Committee on their budget requests.
- **OCTOBER 26-NOVEMBER 2, 2020**  
County Supervisors presented amendments to the Finance - Budget Committee, which recommended adoption or rejection.
- **OCTOBER 30, 2020**  
The County Board held a public hearing on the budget.
- **NOVEMBER 9, 2020**  
The County Board voted on amendments to the budget and then adopted the full budget.
- **NOVEMBER 16, 2020**  
Possible County Board meeting to consider County Executive vetoes (if any).

## Legislative Happenings

### File 20-510: A Sound Study of the Rock Sports Complex

In response to complaints by local residents, I voted for the Parks Department to conduct a comprehensive sound study of the Rock Sports Complex. The Complex was built on land formerly owned by the County. When the County sold the land, it mandated that the complex can't exceed certain sound limits. This study will ensure that the well-being of the nearby residents is protected from excessive noise.

### File 20-379: Additional COVID-19 Aid to Counties

The federal government provided aid to state and local government for COVID-19 response efforts. However, per federal government restrictions, the aid cannot be used to replace lost tax revenue. I sponsored a bill asking the federal government for additional aid with more flexibility for how counties could use it.

### File 20-401: Extension of Road Project

Because of IRS requirements, the county was required to reallocate unspent bonds. In conjunction with state grant, I voted to use those funds to extend the Rawson Avenue resurfacing project to North Cape Road from Hawthorne Lane. I welcomed the opportunity not to spread out a construction project over different years.

### File 20-196: The Sports Complex's Biannual Gun Show

Because of an ordinance prohibiting weapons inside County buildings, the Parks Department decided that the Bob and Rocko Gun Show could no longer use the Milwaukee Sports Complex for their gun show. My resolution changes the ordinance so that the gun show could continue at the Sports Complex. It is currently waiting for a vote by the Board

### File 20-285: People's Justice Guarantee

I voted against a resolution which sought to replace the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 with the People's Justice Guarantee (PJG). While there is always room for improvement, the PJG included recommendations like limiting firearms production and decriminalizing prostitution. I proposed an amendment to remove these provisions, but the Board voted it down. I voted against the resolution.

**To see my full voting record, go to CLIC, select "People" and find my name. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out!**

# Milwaukee County Parks' Budget and COVID-19

## *Parks staffing levels are at an all time low*

Parks full-time staffing levels have been reduced by hundreds of people over the past 25 years while their services have expanded and the system footprint has grown. This means we have had fewer full-time staff taking on more responsibilities.

They have worked diligently keeping up with the system's needs, but unfortunately the COVID-19 pandemic significantly harmed the Parks' budget and therefore their ability to maintain services. The Parks' department is funded 40% by taxes and 60% percent through revenue generating activities like golf courses, marina fees, and others. With the loss of the revenue generating activities due to COVID-19 and subsequent spending freezes, the Parks department was unable to hire the seasonal employees that form that backbone of their summer services and maintenance. In addition, over 90% percent of Parks full time employees are working reduced hours.

Parks are non-mandated services, unlike services like the requirement for the Sheriff to patrol the highways. This means they are often the first place cuts come from when the county is facing a budget shortfall. This year has shown that the Parks current funding model is simply not adequate to meet our system's needs.

**I am committed to innovative ways to fund a bright future for our parks.** The Parks Department and the Board have worked on innovative ways to maintain our Parks. In August, I was pleased to co-sponsor File 20-362 which creates three new revenue streams.

- A county-wide 50/50 raffle, which half the money that is raised going to the winner, and half going to Milwaukee County parks.
- A new scratch-off lottery ticket with all the proceeds after administrative costs going to Milwaukee County parks.
- A special Wisconsin license plate that residents can purchase to show their support for Milwaukee County parks.

In addition to the Board's efforts, the Parks Department started the "Love Your Parks" initiative and founded the Milwaukee Parks Foundation. The Foundation's goal is to engage local community partners to decrease the backlog of maintenance. More information can be found at [www.mkeparksfoundation.org](http://www.mkeparksfoundation.org). The "Love Your Parks" initiative celebrates our local parks and how individuals can help. Both a website ([www.loveyourparksme.com](http://www.loveyourparksme.com)) and an app are available to keep you updated!



## Logsdon in the Community



1: Supervisors Logsdon and Martin at an outdoor event at Cathedral Square Park

2: "I Love the Parks" kickoff event opening day. This year, Sprecher provided a unique beer for the Parks to help raise funds

3: Former chief of staff Raisa Koltun (middle) with County Executive David Crowley (right) and new chief of staff Mary Jo Meyers (left)

4: Supervisor Logsdon this past February presenting Carmex's Paul Woelbing (right, president) and his brother Eric Woelbing (left, CEO) with a citation honoring over 90 years in business.

5: Supervisor Logsdon and the 2018-2020 Board Supervisors at the December 2019 Board meeting honoring War Memorial Center president David Drent after his retirement.





# The County Legislative Information Center: A Tutorial



The Milwaukee County Legislative Information Center (CLIC) is the centralized, online information center for the County calendar and the portal for submitting e-comments to committee members. The most important features of the CLIC homepage are highlighted and numbered in the image to the right.

**Box 1:** Select 'Calendar' to access schedule of meetings.

**Box 2:** Search parameters can be changed by the month/year or by department. In the image to the right, the calendar is displayed for "All Departments" for "This Month", which is September, the time this tutorial was created.

**Box 3:** This is the sign in/sign up if you want to submit eComments.

**Box 4:** After your search parameters are set in Box 2, each meeting will show up with its meeting date, time, location, agenda, meeting minutes, and the video or audio of the meeting. Agendas are published 48 to 24 hours before a meeting. If you view CLIC while a committee is meeting, you will have the ability to watch a live stream of the meeting. Minutes are published within 48 hours after the meeting. A recording of the livestream will also be made available to the public.

**Box 5 and Arrow 6:** in the 48 hours leading up to the meeting and until the meeting is completed, you have the ability to make eComments. If eComments are available, an option will appear that says "eComment" (see Arrow 6). Please make sure to sign in/sign up (Box 3) prior to submitting eComments!

**eComments Tutorial:** After clicking eComments (Arrow 6), you will be taken to the meeting's agenda. It will look like the sample below if you are signed in (Box 3 above). To comment, simply select the agenda item you wish to comment on and submit your comment in the text box.

Please note that you will not receive a confirmation email. Supervisors will be able to see your comments before and during the meeting, but members of the public will not. After the meeting, all comments will be made available to the public in the meeting minutes.

The screenshot shows the CLIC homepage with the following callouts:

- 1:** 'Calendar' link in the top navigation bar.
- 2:** Search filters for 'This Month' and 'All Departments'.
- 3:** 'Sign In' button in the top right corner.
- 4:** Search and filter buttons (Search, Calendar, Help) above the meeting list.
- 5:** The meeting list table with columns for Name, Meeting Date, Meeting Time, Meeting Location, Meeting Details, Agenda, Minutes, Video, Audio, and eComment.
- 6:** 'eComment' link in the 'eComment' column of the meeting list.

| Name   | Meeting Date | Meeting Time | Meeting Location  | Meeting Details | Agenda                 | Minutes       | Video         | Audio         | eComment      |
|--|--------------|--------------|---|-----------------|------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors                            | 9/24/2020    | 9:30 AM      | County Legislative Information Center   | Meeting details | Not available          | Not available | Not available | Not available | Not available |
| Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors                            | 9/17/2020    | 1:30 PM      | County Legislative Information Center   | Meeting details | NOTICE OF CANCELLATION | Not available | Not available | Not available | Not available |
| Finance Committee  | 9/17/2020    | 9:30 AM      | County Legislative Information Center   | Meeting details | Not available          | Not available | Not available | Not available | Not available |
| Audit Committee  | 9/16/2020    | 1:00 PM      | County Legislative Information Center   | Meeting details | Not available          | Not available | Not available | Not available | Not available |
| The Combined Community Services Board of Milwaukee County (CCSB) | 9/16/2020    | 10:00 AM     | Virtual Meeting held via Microsoft Teams  | Meeting details | Agenda                 | Not available | Not available | Not available | Not available |
| Health and Human Needs Committee                                 | 9/16/2020    | 9:00 AM      | County Legislative Information Center   | Meeting details | Not available          | Not available | Not available | Not available | Not available |
| Personnel Committee  | 9/15/2020    | 2:15 PM      | County Legislative Information Center   | Meeting details | Agenda                 | Not available | Not available | Not available | eComment      |
| Safety and Health Committee                                      | 9/14/2020    | 1:00 PM      | Milwaukee County, Virtual/Remote Microsoft Teams Meeting  | Meeting details | Agenda                 | Not available | Not available | Not available | Not available |
| Commission on Aging  | 9/14/2020    | 11:45 AM     | This meeting is live-streamed (Virtual and Audio) in MS Teams Teleconference phone: 7(414) 436-35307 U.S. PIN: 537 980 0097 | Meeting details | Agenda                 | Not available | Not available | Not available | Not available |
| Economic and Community Development Committee                     | 9/14/2020    | 9:30 AM      | County Legislative Information Center   | Meeting details | Agenda                 | Not available | Not available | Not available | eComment      |
| Parks, Energy and Environment Committee                          | 9/11/2020    | 9:00 AM      | County Legislative Information Center   | Meeting details | Agenda                 | Not available | In progress   | In progress   | eComment      |

The screenshot shows the meeting agenda page for the Personnel Committee meeting on 2020-09-15 at 2:15 PM. It includes a disclaimer, a list of agenda items, and a comment box.

**Meeting:** Personnel Committee on 2020-09-15 2:15 PM - VIRTUAL MEETING This meeting will be live-streamed on the County Legislative Information Center: <https://milwaukeecounty.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>

**Meeting Time:** September 15, 2020 at 2:15pm CDT

**Disclaimer:**  
Your comment will be included as part of the official public record in the County Legislative Information Center. Thank you for your comment.

**Agenda Items**  
Select an Agenda Item to Comment on. Or, Register to Speak at the Public Meeting.

**DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION, AND CULTURE - 1**

1 20-636 From the Director, Milwaukee County Parks, requesting a retroactive extension of Ramsey Radakovich Temporary Assignment to a Higher Classification (TAHC) to the position of Director of Operations-Parks from August 20, 2020 through February 20, 2021 or until the position is permanently filled.

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION - 1**

2 20-645 From the Director, Department of Transportation, Requesting the Continued Extension of Mr. Andrew Pickett's Temporary Assignment to a Higher Classification (TAHC) to the Position of Lead Mechanic (Fleet Management Division) from July 1, 2020 Through October 1, 2020.

# Congratulations to the Newest District 9 Eagle Scouts!

## Oak Creek Boy Scout



Josh Rich earned his Eagle Scout rank by helping the Oak Creek Salvation Army raise funds to replace and upgrade their aging sign with a modern digital one.

## Franklin Boy Scout



David Sokol earned his Eagle Scout rank by building a large lounging platform for the Milwaukee County Zoo big cats exhibit.

## Hales Corners Boy Scout



Aris Serigos earned his Eagle Scout rank when he built a playhouse and sound garden for the children of Hales Corners Lutheran School and Church.

## Eviction Prevention Program

If you've experienced a loss of income due to COVID-19 you may qualify for funds for housing and utilities. For more information, please contact us at [CarePrevention@HopeHouseMKE.org](mailto:CarePrevention@HopeHouseMKE.org)

### Hope House of Milwaukee

Ending Homelessness and Creating Healthy Communities

## MCTS Has an E-newsletter!



### BENEFITS OF THE RIDER INSIDER PROGRAM



Be the first to get the latest MCTS news



Weigh in on surveys, polls and focus groups



Attend behind-the-scenes events



Enter to win great prizes

To sign up, visit: [www.ridemcts.com/riderinsider](http://www.ridemcts.com/riderinsider)



## Love Our Parks: How You Can Help

We know you want to help, and right now, these are the most impactful things YOU can do!

### VOLUNTEER

It doesn't need to be fancy. On your next walk in the park, bring along a garbage bag and fill it up. Throw bag in trash. Repeat. Believe it or not, your help will go a long way!

### DONATE

To the Milwaukee Parks Foundation. You didn't know we have a foundation? We do! And they're awesome. Any amount is welcome, and every little bit helps no matter how big or small.

### SHARE YOUR STORY

Why do you love Milwaukee County Parks? We want to know! We are collecting your stories about why parks matter to you... we'd like your statements, your videos, your testimonials. We'll be compiling them to create our collective story of how we love our parks.

Download our app to do ALL these things!  
[LoveYourParksMKE.com](http://LoveYourParksMKE.com)







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Register of Deeds..... 278-4021

Veterans Services..... 266-1234

Department on Aging ..... 289-6874

Clerk of Circuit Courts ..... 278-5362

**Mental Health Crisis Hotline .....257-7222**

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Village of Hales Corners..... 529-6161

City of Franklin..... 425-7500

City of Oak Creek ..... 766-7000

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**county.milwaukee.gov/CLIC**

## New MCTS Route in District 9!

I'm excited to announce the creation of a new bus route in District 9! The route connects Milwaukee County residents to the new, well-paying jobs at the Amazon facility in Oak Creek.

For information about bus passes and potential discounts, please visit:

**www.ridemcts.com/fares-passes**

